

Navy College Hosts Ed Fair Aboard Naval Base Coronado

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CORONADO, Calif., -- Naval Base Coronado's (NBC) Navy College Office hosted its 10th annual free Education Fair July 29, at the NBC galley to promote higher education.

The event provided a venue for anyone with base access the chance to gain exposure to more than 50 different local and out-of-state universities and colleges at one location. Representatives informed prospective students about educational opportunities.

"The Education Fair will allow anyone who has access to the base an opportunity to easily compare various educational programs that colleges offer including financial assistance incentive programs," said Susan Hannasch, Director of the Navy College Office aboard NBC. "There will be more colleges at a convenient "one stop" location," added Hannasch.

Upward of 250 attendees browsed through vender booths or received on-the-spot counseling pertaining to admissions requirements, degree programs and financial aid.

"Here you have schools from all over the country," said Airman Aviation Boatswain's Mate Sean Brady, 22, from USS Nimitz. "Most are offering classes online, which is great especially being in the Navy."

The Tom's River, N. J., native said he joined the Navy for college benefits and added the education fair was a great opportunity to visit with many different college advisors.

Seaman Soni Hernandez, 18, assigned to Beach Master Unit One agreed.

"This is a great place to get your college education started," offered Hernandez a resident of San Diego. Hernandez said the fair helped him narrow his search of potential schools for him to attend and pursue an associate of the arts degree in criminal justice.

Event coordinators agreed the education fair was a success.

"I am hoping that students will find this a very relax atmosphere where they can ask questions about college and be encouraged to begin their degree program," said Hannasch.

Although the education fair was a one day event, the Navy College Office is open Monday through Friday, ready to provide the tools, knowledge and information in support of students' educational goals and professional development said Hannasch. For more information please call the NBC Navy College Office at (619) 545-9589.

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